

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WAIVING THE FEE TO UPSIZE FROM A 5/8" TO A 3/4" WATER METER AS NEEDED FOR PROPERTIES REBUILDING DUE TO THE TUBBS FIRE AND PROVIDING THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AUTHORITY TO REFUND, UPON REQUEST, ANY METER FEES ALREADY PAID TO UPSIZE FROM A 5/8" TO A 3/4" WATER METER FOR APPLICANTS THAT ARE REBUILDING DUE TO THE TUBBS FIRE

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017 at 3:17 a.m., the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency when the City of Santa Rosa was affected and likely to remain affected by fire and on October 13, 2017, the City Council duly passed Resolution No. ES-2017-201 ratifying the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, Governor Brown issued a proclamation of a state of emergency for several counties in California, including Sonoma County, due to the Tubbs and Atlas Fires and on October 10, 2017, President Trump declared a major disaster exists in the state of California beginning on October 8, 2017 and mobilized federal aid; and

WHEREAS, 2,599 homes were destroyed by the Tubbs fire; and

WHEREAS, State law requires all new homes, including those rebuilding due to the Tubbs Fire, to install residential fire sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, the homes destroyed by the Tubbs Fire with an existing 5/8" water meter will need to upsize to a 3/4" water meter to meet the fire sprinkler requirements; and

WHEREAS the meter upsize fee is included in the Water Department Miscellaneous Fees and Charges and the current charge to upsize from a 5/8" water meter to a 3/4" water meter is \$10; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities has the authority to set Miscellaneous Fees and Charges, and has authority to waive those fees where appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities hereby waives the fee to upsize from a 5/8" to a 3/4" water meter as needed for properties rebuilding due to the Tubbs Fire and provides the Director of Water, or designee, the authority to refund, upon request, any meter fees already paid to upsize from a 5/8" to a 3/4" water meter to the applicants that are rebuilding due to the Tubbs Fire.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel J. Galvin, III, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Perez, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney